

# BATTLE FOR VERDUN INCREASING FURY

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### FRENCH TENACIOUSLY HOLDING POSITIONS

#### Heavy Masses of German Troops Have Been Thrown Against the Picked French Troops—Each Attack Was Preceded by Powerful Artillery Preparations—Teutons Gained a Footing in Trenches to the West of Le Mort Homme, But Were Immediately Driven Out by French Counter Attacks—Rome Admits in Several Sections the Italians Have Fallen Back On Their Main Line of Defense—British House of Commons Has Passed a Vote of Credit Aggregating About \$1,500,000,000, Which Brings Total War Credit to About \$11,910,000,000.

The Germans have replied to the terrific French offensive in the Douaumont region with assault after assault, and the deadly combat northeast and northwest of Verdun is still in progress. Heavy masses of German troops have been thrown against the picked French troops, whose successful attacks were for them the greater portion of the fighting. The French have been successful in several places, but in the Douaumont region they have been driven back. The fighting at that point is characterized by a "murderous struggle," each attack was preceded by powerful artillery preparations. Although they were hard held to the northeast, the Germans would not be denied at Le Mort Homme and after having been moved down by the French artillery and machine guns with sanguinary losses in several attacks, finally gained a footing in trenches to the west of this much-fought-for position. Their trenching was short-lived, however, for the French in a counter-attack drove them back. Italy's first anniversary of her entry into the war found her troops on at least one sector in southern Tyrol forced back by the great Austrian offensive upon Italian soil and in general retirement to their main lines of defense from the region south of Ro-

#### DELEGATES FROM 48 STATES AT CONVENTION OF F. OF W. C.

Attended Reception Given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Edison.

New York, May 23.—The thirteenth biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of America opened here today with 3,000 delegates and alternates present, including approximately 10,000 visitors, including the husbands of about a thousand delegates. The session of the convention will be held tomorrow night and by that time, it is expected, another 1,000 delegates and alternates will have arrived.

The visitors to the city have been escorted to hotels and boarding houses by reception committees, assisted by Boy Scouts.

The convention officially opened this morning with brief messages from the department chairman and the board of directors.

Today was "New Jersey day," and immediately after the business meetings the board members, headed by Mrs. Percy V. Pennhacker, the president, and the executive committee, accompanied by more than 900 delegates, left in special trains for Orange, N. J., to attend a reception given by the Edison family.

It was officially announced tonight that delegations are here from 48 states.

#### HEARTY SUPPORT TO CHURCH PENSION FUND

Voted at Annual Meeting of Church Club of Connecticut.

Middletown, Conn., May 23.—A hearty support to the church pension fund was voted at the annual meeting of the Church Club of Connecticut held at the Hotel Hamilton last evening. This club is composed of lay members of the Episcopal churches of Connecticut and 140 were present at the meeting. Following are the officers elected: President, E. A. Harriman, New Haven; vice president, William F. Pease of Hartford and Alfred Gilder of Guilford; secretary, Charles P. Chase of New Britain; treasurer, Charles T. Cornwall of New Haven; executive committee, comprising officers and G. E. Buckley of Hartford, E. H. Hamlin of Waterbury, J. K. Smith of Waterbury, S. W. Randall of Rockville, and H. W. Snow of New Haven.

#### Baptist Disapproval of Divorce.

Minneapolis, May 23.—The divorce question was the subject of sharp debate at today's session of the Northern Baptist convention, but finally was disposed of by the adoption of a resolution disapproving the action of ministers who officiate at the marriage of divorced persons.

The true shape of the earth still awaits accurate determination.

## Cabled Paragraphs

### German Traffic in Baltic Restored.

Copenhagen, via London, May 23, 11.30 p. m.—German traffic in the Baltic has been restored according to a Malmo despatch to the "Politiken." The despatch, arrived in Swedish harbors today escorted by a large squadron of German warships.

### FEEDING OF CIVILIAN POPULATION OF POLAND

Will be Subject of Conference Between Ambassador Gerard and German Chancellor.

Berlin via London, May 23, 8.40 p. m.—James G. Gerard, the American ambassador, today received the British counter-proposal to the plan submitted by Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador in London, for the feeding of civilian population of Poland by the American commission.

The British acceptance of the proposals to feed the civilian population of Poland by the American commission carries the stipulation that the relief must be applied to that portion of Poland in Austrian occupation and not confined to that part occupied by Germany. Germany and Austria must also agree to care properly for the populations of Serbia, Albania and Montenegro.

### SENSATIONAL CHARGES IN WIRE TAPPING CASE

Made by Mayor Mitchell Against Roman Catholic Charitable Institution.

New York, May 23.—Sensational charges by Mayor John Purroy Mitchell against some of his "co-religionists" in an attempted justification of wire tapping during the investigation conducted by a committee appointed by Governor Whitman into the affairs of the Roman Catholic Charitable institutions in this city, were made this evening before the investigation committee headed by Senator Geo. F. Thompson.

### MAN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN STRANGLED TO DEATH

Body Thrown From Bridge to Track of N. E. Road at Brewster's.

Danbury, Conn., May 23.—The body of a man believed to have been strangled to death, was found today at first and then later carried eight miles from where it was found, to a bridge on the tracks of the Central New England railroad, where it was tonight positively identified as Mohammed Jameel of this city.

### MEETING OF CONN. DEEPER WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION

Mayor E. G. Rogers of New London One of the Vice Presidents.

Middletown, Conn., May 23.—The Connecticut Deeper Waterways association, at its annual meeting here today, discussed routine business affairs, and then turned to the question of improving the waterways in the state, partook of a Connecticut River Shad dinner and elected officers for next year.

### PENNSYLVANIA STEEL CO. INJUNCTION DISMISSED.

Sale of Control to Bethlehem Steel Corporation Upheld.

Newark, N. J., May 23.—The litigation begun by the federal court to restrain the sale of the control of the Pennsylvania Steel corporation to the Bethlehem Steel corporation for \$41,630 was dismissed here today by Judge Rellstab. The complaint in the case was C. H. Verner.

### NEW WOMAN'S PARTY FOR PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

Movement Launched by Congressional Union of Chicago.

Chicago, May 23.—The new woman's party will go into the presidential campaign with \$100,000 to its credit. A movement launched today by the Congressional union is successful. Announcement of a plan to raise thousands to finance the woman's fight to secure the passage of the Susan B. Anthony amendment was made by Miss Alice Paul, national chairman of the union, at convention headquarters today.

### BOY KILLED WHILE RIDING ON HANDLE BARS OF BICYCLE

Struck in Hartford by a Truck Driven by A. Calugh of Stafford.

Hartford, May 23.—Joseph F. Killy, aged 10, was run over and instantly killed by a truck driven by A. Calugh of Stafford, when Quinn became confused and the truck struck the bicycle. Quinn escaped with minor hurts. Killy's neck was broken. The driver of the truck was not arrested.

## Carranza Troops To Hurry Naval Appropriation Bill In Bandit Hunt

### 30,000 IN CHIHUAHUA AND ALONG BIG BEND BORDER.

### TO PURSUE VIGOROUSLY LIMIT GENERAL DEBATE

More Than 97 Per Cent. of the Texas Guardmen Have Responded to President Wilson's Call.

Washington, May 23.—Reports to both the state and war departments today further indicated plans of the Carranza government vigorously to prosecute pursuit of Chihuahua outlaws while the American forces remain comparatively quiet.

### Delay in Diplomatic Action.

Delay in replying to diplomatic discussions over the question of American troops remaining in Mexico also was indicated in official despatches. State department officials said that receipt of the new note being prepared by General Carranza was not expected before next week.

### Sibley Expedition Was Not Recalled.

Secretary Baker said tonight that the Sibley expedition was not recalled from Washington. Officials here believe the American forces lose the "hot" part of the border.

### Guardmen May Be Court-martialed.

Whether the 118 national guardmen of Texas who refused to be mustered into the federal service shall be court-martialed has not yet been determined. Judge-Advocate-General Crowder today withdrew an opinion submitted to general Scott, chief of staff, which outlined the war department's authority and rules of procedure.

### More Than 97 Per Cent. Responded.

"Less than three per cent. of the guard have failed to answer the summons" to the federal service, said the secretary of the Texas National Guard.

### RAILROAD STRIKES SETTLED.

Settlement of railroad strike in several Mexican districts was reported in state department advices. Renewed activity of bandits near the border of the West Mexican coast was reported.

### BRYAN AS PROHIBITION PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE

Others Mentioned Are Sulzer, Foss, Hanley and Hobson.

Chicago, May 23.—If he will consent to make a race, William Jennings Bryan may be selected as the candidate for president of the prohibition party. Recent statements of Mr. Bryan, in which he declared that he would follow a political party who refused to endorse national prohibition were discussed at the national democratic convention at St. Louis declined to adopt a national prohibition plank in its platform.

### EXTENSION OF NOTES REQUESTED BY B. & M.

With Interest Discounted at the Rate of 6 Per Cent. a Year.

Boston, Mass., May 23.—Directors of the Boston and Maine Railroad company today voted to request an extension of the company's notes from June 2 to July 1 of this year, with interest discounted at the rate of six per cent. a year.

### DIVIDED CONTROL OF BRITISH AIR SERVICE

Disapproved of by Baron Montagu in House of Commons.

London, May 23, 8.40 p. m.—Baron Montagu of Beaulieu, former vice-chancellor of the Exchequer, in a lengthy speech in the house today moved a resolution complaining against divided control of the British air service.

### NEW YORK IS NOW WORLD'S BUSIEST PORT

Last Year Exceeded by \$200,000 London's Import and Export Figures.

Washington, May 23.—War trade has made New York within the last year the world's busiest port. The city's imports and exports for 1915 exceeded those of London by \$200,000,000.

### AMBASSADOR PAGE AT LONDON

Has Been Officially Advised that the Death Sentence of Jeremiah C. Lynch, American convicted of participation in the Irish rebellion, had been changed to ten years' imprisonment.

### MOVEMENTS OF STEAMSHIPS.

Rotterdam, May 23.—Arrived: Steamer Hyndam, New York.

Bordeaux, May 23.—Sailed: Steamer "Cyprien," New York.

New York, May 23.—Sailed: Steamer "Regina D'Alia," Genoa.

## Condensed Telegrams

### A severe earthquake shock was felt in Greece.

Four slight earthquake shocks occurred at Honolulu.

### President Poincare of France is visiting the Belgian front.

Cotton is selling at Texasiana, Tex., at from 12 1/2 to 13 cents a pound.

### An order for 2,200,000 fuses has been received by the American Locomotive Co.

Queen Elizabeth of Belgium has been decorated with the French War Cross.

### Funds raised in the United States to aid Jews suffering in the war zones amount to \$1,074,886.

By a vote of 69 to 37 the House adopted an amendment to grant suffrage to women of Porto Rico.

### Travelers arriving in Switzerland from Germany report that Foreign Minister von Jagow is about to resign.

Authorities in Italian Somaliland have quelled a native uprising said to have been instigated by German agents.

### Dr. Henrik Greve Bleasing, physician and botanist with the Nansen polar expedition in 1893-96, died at Christiania.

Secretary of War Baker has been officially advised of the refusal of 116 Texas militiamen to be sworn in for border duty.

### Four trainmen were seriously injured when a Pennsylvania freight train was derailed in the Caledonia tunnel, Pennsylvania.

Lieut. Boelke, of the German Air Corps, brought down his 18th enemy aeroplane. The Kaiser promoted him to be a captain.

### M. Blondel, Minister to Rumania, will be succeeded by Col. De Saint Etienne, Adjutant to the Resident General of Morocco.

Food prices in Berlin have reached a new high level, and the people are anxiously awaiting the appointment of a "food dictator."

### The Trans-Atlantic steamship lanes are remarkably free from ice this season.

Senator Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa, was proposed on the Republican presidential ballot in South Dakota primary yesterday.

### Anniversary Week, marking the 51st annual gathering of the American Unitarian Association and allied organizations, was held at Boston.

Three persons were killed and four seriously injured in a collision which demolished a dozen houses at a mining camp near Birmingham, Ala.

### A constitutional amendment for Federal prohibition was endorsed by the Cumberland Presbyterian church at its general assembly at Birmingham, Ala.

Placed valued at \$1,000,000 was exhibited at the annual convention of the New York State Retail Jewelers' Association at Buffalo, N. Y.

### Patrolman John Gallagher of Jersey City accidentally shot and killed an attorney who was passing his revolver from one coat to another.

William Brandt, treasurer of the American Surety Co., stabbed himself at the New York office of the company, and was rushed to the hospital in a serious condition.

### The Supreme Court held to be unconstitutional a Wisconsin law reviving charters of foreign corporations which remove cases from the State to the Federal courts.

Prospects are for a quick settlement to the strike of 1,000 union clothing workers at Boston, who went out yesterday, demanding shorter working hours and more pay.

### Sheriff S. N. Hailey of Elbert Co. was shot and killed in the court house at Elbert, Ga., by Arnold Worley, an attorney who was passing his revolver from one coat to another.

President Wilson was asked by Gen. W. E. Harvey, commissioner of National Guard in the District of Columbia, to issue a statement calling on the National Guard to get behind the National Guard.

### General Manager D. C. Moon of the New York Central Lines, West, announced that A. S. Insalls, general superintendent of third district, is made manager of the lines west of Buffalo.

Timothy Healy, Irish member of Parliament, created an uproar in the House of Commons during the debate on the Irish situation by shouting, "We are not going to stand here and see our people shot."

### With two conventions threatened—the regular and the other a secessionist—the Republican party met at Port Worth to select delegates to the National convention. The convention will be anti-Roosevelt.

The Progressive party of Texas, in state convention at Waco, Tex., condemned the policies of the Wilson administration, commended the principles of True Americanism and preparedness, as typified by Col. Roosevelt.

### One hundred passengers and 75 of the crew of the Southern Pacific liner Proteus, were vaccinated, and the ship fumigated on its arrival at New York from New Orleans, when a passenger was found suffering from smallpox.

Ambassador Page at London called the State Department that he had been officially advised that the death sentence of Jeremiah C. Lynch, American convicted of participation in the Irish rebellion, had been changed to ten years' imprisonment.

### Nearly 2,200 station employees on the Boston and Maine Railroad, members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Station Employees, last night began balloting on the question of striking to enforce their demands for a wage increase of 15 per cent. and an eight hour day.

Annies Mooney of Bridgeport, 25 years old, a widow, killed herself by hanging last evening in her home. She had been sick.

## CHARGE OF EVIDENCE AGAINST WAITE

### State Claims Conclusive Proof of the Murder of His Wealthy Father-in-Law, John E. Peck

### COUNSEL ANNOUNCES ACCUSED WILL TESTIFY

### Sender of the Mysterious Telegram May be Divulged When State Calls "K. Adams," Said to be a Woman—John Cuniff, Special Officer Detailed to Watch Waite, Declares

### That if Waite Was Insane When He Killed His Wife's Parents, Imprisonment in the Tombs Has Had a Remarkable Effect on Him—Defendant's Most Trying Ordeal Will Come Today, When His Wife, Her Brother and the "Studio" Woman Will Take the Stand Against Him.

New York, May 23.—Confronted by an unbroken chain of evidence which, the state claims, conclusively proves him guilty of the murder of his wealthy father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich., Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, the young New York dentist, will himself go on the witness stand in an effort to save himself from death in the electric chair. This decision was reached tonight by his counsel at the end of the second day of his trial.

### Waite's Wife Will Testify Today.

The defendant's most trying ordeal probably will come tomorrow, when his wife, Mrs. Clara Peck Waite, her brother, Percy Peck, and Mrs. Margaret Horton, with whom Waite shared a "studio" in New York, will stand against him. Mrs. Horton, accompanied by her husband, Harry M. Horton, and her sister, was in court today, expecting to be called.

### Mystery of Telegram May be Divulged.

It also is expected that the mystery surrounding the identity of the person who sent the telegram to John E. Peck, dated May 19, 1915, in which Waite's aged victim was to be buried in Grand Rapids, urging that an autopsy be held on the body, will be disclosed tomorrow.

### Author is a Woman.

It is said that the mysterious person is a woman who lives outside this state and that she exacted a promise from the district attorney to disclose her real name until he was ready for her to appear at the trial and testify.

Thus far the only testimony which has been given in the case is that of John E. Peck, who testified that he had given his wife, Mrs. Peck, a check for \$1,000, and subsequently had requested him "to put some arsenic in his embalming fluid" and send it to a bank near New York, where it was to be cashed.

Swinton asserted that a short time before the trial was adjourned for the day was Gustave Cimmotti, owner of a garage where Waite kept his automobile, who came to him March 26, after emphysema had been directed against him, and asked Cimmotti to get a bank near New York, where it was to be cashed. The check was drawn to the order of the garage owner.

### Waite Didn't Want to Draw Money.

Waite told the jury that the witness "that he didn't want to draw any money from the bank himself, because he was having some family trouble, and he didn't want to draw any money from that particular bank."

### Eugene Kane, who embalmed Mr. Peck's body, testified that he had given him \$1,000 and subsequently had requested him "to put some arsenic in his embalming fluid" and send it to a bank near New York, where it was to be cashed.

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### CONTROVERSY AMONG IRISH MEMBERS OF COMMONS

Over Treatment of Prisoners Arrested During Recent Revolt.

London, May 23, 8.47 p. m.—A series of questions to the cabinet ministers with regard to the treatment of prisoners arrested during the revolt in Ireland, caused a serious controversy among the Irish members in the house of commons this afternoon.

### FAILS TO GET WIDOW'S SHARE OF STRATTON ESTATE

Case of Mrs. Sophie Gertrude Chelley Thrown Out of Court.

Colorado Springs, Colo., May 23.—The case of Mrs. Sophie Gertrude Chelley suing the estate of the late Winfield S. Stratton, millionaire mine owner, for a share of his estate, was thrown out of court today by Judge Chelley. The widow of Stratton is not the widow of Stratton, but the widow of a man who was a partner in the mine.

### NOTE TO GREAT BRITAIN TO BE CALLED TODAY

Protesting Against Interference With Neutral Mails.

Washington, May 23.—A completed new draft of the note to Great Britain protesting against interference with neutral mails was sent to the state department today by President Wilson for transmission to London. It probably will go forward tomorrow, when Secretary Lansing, who has been ill for several days, returns to his desk. The secretary had planned to sign the note at his home so that it might be called tonight, but decided to wait until tomorrow.

### CHICAGO TEACHERS MAY BELONG TO FEDERATION

Injunction Issued for Board of Education Has Been Dissolved.

Chicago, May 23.—A permanent injunction against the Chicago teachers' association, which would prohibit any teacher in the Chicago public schools from belonging to the Chicago Federation of Labor as long as it was affiliated with the Chicago Federation of Labor was issued in the circuit court today by Judge C. D. Cook. The injunction will appeal to the supreme court. The Loeb law was passed by the board of education last September.

### New German War Loan.

Copenhagen, via London, May 23, 11.04 p. m.—The German government, according to the Vossische Zeitung (Berlin), early in June will propose a new war loan of ten billion marks.